Power production from wind energy

†3462. SHRI RAJ MOHTNDER SINGH: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target was fixed for power production in the field of wind-energy during Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the quantity set out in the target and the possibilities of overall power production capacity explored from this sector in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the production made by March, 2000 from this sector is much lower than the target; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the shortfall in the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A target for installation of 1000 MW wind-power capacity has been fixed for the Ninth Five Year Plan. A total wind power capacity of 1167 MW has so far been installed in the country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The progress in the first three years of the Ninth Plan has been slow on account of the following factors; general economic and industrial scenario; introduction of Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT); impact of reduction of Corporate Tax Rate on the extent of benefit from accelerated depreciation; inadequate power evacuation facilities in major potential areas; and, delays in land allotment, forestry clearance and other approvals in certain States.

Implementation of Urjagram Programme

3463. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is Urjagram Programme being implemented by Government with its alient features;

(b) whether the programme is being implemented in the State of Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the progress made by the programme so far in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) A

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